House Resolution No. 2281

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding young Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through achievement in the Royal Ranger program; and

Whereas, Robert J. Cruz of Royal Ranger Troop 64 in Lebanon, Missouri, will most deservedly receive the prestigious Gold Medal of Achievement during an appropriate ceremony to be held April 27, 2003, at the First Assembly of God in Lebanon; and

Whereas, more than thirty years ago the Assemblies of God developed the Royal Rangers, a program of ministry to men and boys who are trained in the practical applications of Godly principles for living in order to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ; and

Whereas, a Royal Ranger is alert, clean, honest, courageous, loyal, courteous, obedient, and spiritual, and must live his life in accordance with the Royal Ranger Motto that is to always be "Ready" for anything that might come his way, including work, play, serve, obey, and worship; and

Whereas, during his nine years in the Ranger program, Robert Cruz earned an impressive twenty-five badges and served his Troop as Assistant Patrol Guide, Patrol Guide, and Senior Patrol Guide; and

Whereas, the Gold Medal of Achievement is the highest award to be offered in the Assemblies of God Royal Ranger camping program; and

Whereas, a worthy recipient of the D.A.R.E. Award who took First Place at the Art Fair, Robert Cruz has achieved all of this and more with the love, support, and encouragement of his proud parents, Robert Andrew and Lori Cruz of Conway:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Robert Cruz upon his most worthy receipt of the Gold Medal of Achievement, and in wishing him only the very best as he continues to uphold the high standards of the Ranger program with both honor and decorum: and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Royal Ranger Robert J. Cruz.

29, 2003.